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MOAA'S 2004 SCHOLARSHIP SEASON OPENS NOVEMBER 1ST

Alexandria, Va....The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) officially opens its 2004 "Base/Post Scholarship" program on November 1, 2003, and will be offering individual \$1,000 grants to 50 dependents of active duty personnel worldwide.

To be eligible, a student must be under age 24, working on a first undergraduate degree, and a dependent child of an active duty service person—enlisted, warrant officer, or officer—in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This includes members of the drilling Reserves and National Guard.

Grant recipients will be randomly selected from among applicants within each of the seven services. No GPA, SAT nor essays will be needed for the Base/Post application. MOAA membership is not a requirement.

Application is via the MOAA website: <http://www.moaa.org>. Click on "Educational Aid" on left side of the opening page, and then follow the easy instructions for the multipurpose Scholarship Application. Deadline for submission is Noon EST March 1, 2004.

Semi-finalists will be notified by email and the self-check on the website by mid-March. Winners will be notified in May.

MOAA is the nation's leading association for military officers, with nearly 380,000 members. Membership is open to active duty officers and warrant officers, Reserves and National Guard, plus former or retired officers and warrant officers, and surviving spouses.



MOAA BASE/POST SCHOLARSHIP

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) will award 50 grants of \$1,000 each for the 2004-2005 school year.

ELIGIBILITY:

An applicant must be the DEPENDENT CHILD of an ACTIVE DUTY member or DRILLING Reserve/National Guard member, officer or enlisted, of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, United States Public Health Service (USPHS), or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

An applicant must be a high school senior or college student, working on his or her first undergraduate degree, and under the age of 24.

An applicant must be planning to attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student in the fall of 2004.

SELECTION:

Scholarship winners will be randomly selected from among all applicants, with representation given to each of the uniformed services, including drilling Reserves and National Guard. An applicant's uniformed-service sponsor does not have to be a member of MOAA.

APPLICATION:

Applications can only be made ONLINE, beginning November 1, 2003. Go to MOAA's website: <http://www.moaa.org>. The website's opening page has the phrase "Educational Aid" in left margin. Click there to view all the MOAA scholarship information, instructions, and multi-program application.

DEADLINE for online entry is noon EST March 1, 2004 —NO EXCEPTIONS.

If chosen as a semi-finalist in late March, the applicant will be notified by email. He/she must then send proof of college acceptance/registration for the 2004/2005 school year and copies of both the applicant's military ID card and the sponsor's military ID card to: MOAA, Base/Post Scholarship, 201 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314-2311.

If a computer is not available at home, an applicant should go to the school counselor's office or public library. For questions not answered at the website, the applicant may email: edassist@moaa.org

November 12, 2003

Chief of Staff, Marine Forces Reserves
4400 Dauphine St.
New Orleans, LA 70146-5400

Dear Chief of Staff,

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is again giving away scholarship money, and we ask your help in encouraging student applicants from among the dependent children of members of the Armed Forces Active or Drilling Reserves. Last year over 30% of the MOAA grants were awarded to children of Reserve and National Guard personnel.

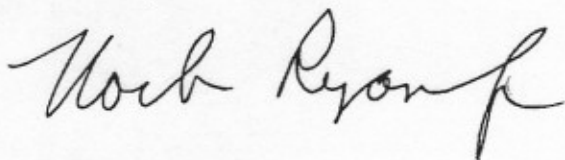
"Base/Post Scholarship" is a MOAA program to help 50 college-bound or current undergraduate students with individual \$1000 scholarship grants for the 2004-2005 school year. Students will be selected by random drawing. MOAA membership is not required and there are no need-based criteria, no GPA minimum, no essays and no fees. Students need only to complete the on-line application located on our website: <http://www.moaa.org>.

We would be grateful if you would pass the enclosed program description through the appropriate channels in your organization to get the word out. Students need to be alerted to the availability of these scholarship funds, and any help you can provide—via staff meetings, newsletters, or electronic communications—will be most appreciated. Applications must be received by noon, EST, March 1, 2004.

MOAA's immensely successful scholarship grants and zero-interest loans are currently helping over 1,300 uniformed services dependents to meet their college expenses. The "Base/Post Scholarship" program is part of our ongoing effort to assist more young people in our nation's military families. We look forward to receiving many applications from students within the Reserve community.

Thanks in advance for your help and leadership.

Sincerely,



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